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Dear Hal:

I'm rushing this letter out so that I can beat the time the post office closes today. I many not be able to do this as I've enclosed a big amount of xeroxed item as part of this letter which will have to be done first. (I would've listed all the enclosures but that would take too long & it might make me miss my post office deadline.

This letter will relate solely to the ARRB & the recent hearings in both Washington & Dallas - both of which I attended. I tried to testify at the Washington hearings but speakers were cut off there as the hearings ran over time. I did, however, testify at the Dallas (11/18/94) hearings - (I'm enclosing a copy of that to which I testified to & I intend typing this & sending a copy of it to the ARRB.

By the way, before I forget - can you send me a copy of the Woolsey letter & the Graff letter. It would be in context what I testified.

To briefly tell you about my Dallas testimony (of 11/18/94) first - you'll note the new article in the Hearings. They did not mention my name (not that I expected them to) but I think what I had to say was far more important than the silly statements of Mann & others.

My testimony (as you'll see from the enclosed) related to my

(and your appearance) on the Joe Dolan Dec. 1996 radio show & the caller who phoned in to tell of Oswald's crypto-jeles his ~~etc~~ CID visits for a presumed "mission" overseas.

After I testified Graff asked me, "Mr. Veff — what is crypto-secret clearance? And I told him (as part of my answer which, of course, not in the stuff I'm sending) that I spoke with a (retired) U.S. Army General who was an aide to JFK. I asked him if he knew of "crypto" & he said — yes — that you couldn't get it unless you had "TOP SECRET" first. (What I didn't tell the ARRB was that the General I spoke to was at ANMC & worked with the CIA but not when Oswald was there.) I then told Graff that "crypto" had to do with "black box" stuff dealing with A-bombs & SAC in case of atomic attacks & ended it there. But I added (this is when the press fell asleep) that just before I came to Dallas I received a phone call from someone who alleged that he replaced Oswald at El Toro. I told Graff that I intended to contact this person & go over more in detail about "crypto" etc. & left it at that.

Little did I know that the one who called me was actually there in the audience & he testified shortly after I did. He told the Board that — yes — he was the one who called & while not testifying about the crypto, etc. he discussed the Z-film & his theories on it (He's become a "buff" & most of his theories on it are half-baked). I had no idea he would be there but he told me he saved up enough money to attend "ASK" & see me. It would be too long to go into here but we did discuss the crypto-stuff. More on that in a later letter.

Not one board member asked this fellow a single question about the crypto, etc nor did the press pounce upon him. I could've (& did, of course).

As this letter is about the ~~[illegible]~~ you'll note the enclosure ~~[illegible]~~ relating to it.

On your phone call you said that it was Groff + Maxwell who attended the COPA conference but I corrected this. They were Tanksim + Maxwell. It wasn't Groff who consulted himself at COPA (in Washington) about Posner, it was Maxwell when asked a question about why Maxwell had stated publicly that he had found Posner's book compelling or convincing (or words to that effect) he replied yes, he had made such a comment but now stated. "I've read up a lot more since on this case & I would not have now made such a statement." Maxwell also said he had found faulty stuff in Posner's German research (I presume this was Hitler's Children book as you indicated in your phone call & not the Mengele one).

Incidentally in the papers I'm enclosing there are a list of names of people who testified at both Washington + Dallas. But both lists are incomplete. There were additional sign ups at both hearings & no listing of these were printed. The Dallas article like nearly everything else in the article(s) of 11/19/84 got the number of people wrong (they said 20 but it was 23 & I have the records on who + what was said). If the Dallas paper can't even get the number of speakers present while they are there why should we expect them to get the number of bullets in the JFK case right (single bullet, three shots)!! Especially when they weren't even there!!!

Now, on my appearance at the Dallas ARRB Hearing (11/18/94) there is one more interesting thing that happened which was told to me in the strictest of confidence. The contents of what I'm about to tell you was told by my source OK to be revealed, but I was never to reveal the name.

After the testimony was all over & the Board was about to leave one of the persons who testified overheard Graff to say to Hall in a low voice not to be heard aloud = "Well, let's git the show on the road, otherwise, we'll be ~~stuck~~ here all evening listening to this garbage."

There's a lot more to say, but it could be that with all the xeroxing I'll be doing this letter won't be mailed on 12/3 but on 12/5.

One final question = I have copies of these two articles & wondered if you have them. If you don't have them I'll send them to you on my next letter. These are =

(1) A report by three Latimers on "The Kennedy-Connally One Bullet Theory" — MEDICAL TIMES — November 1974

(2) TEXAS STATE JOURNAL OF MEDICINE on "THREE PATIENTS" — JANUARY, 1964

Also, my next letter I'll send you my update on my file on Korth. Plenty of stuff here & worth noting!

Best,

Hal Verb

USING to WEISBERG

TO BE DELIVERED AT HEARINGS (REVIEW BOARD) 10AM – NOV. 18, 1994 — DALLAS

MEMBERS OF THE ASSASSINATION REVIEW BOARD

I would like a copy to be filed

I AM HERE AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN WHO IS DEEPLY CONCERNED TO KNOW THE FULL TRUTH ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

TODAY, I WISH TO CALL ATTENTION TO A SERIOUS QUESTION THAT HAS LONG LINGERED ABOUT THIS EVENT & THAT IS, PRECISELY, THE ACCUSED ASSASSIN, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, & HIS ALLEGED ASSOCIATION, CONNECTION OR INVOLVEMENT WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AS A POSSIBLE AGENT FOR AN AGENCY (OR AGENCIES) THAT REPRESENTED THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

REGARDLESS OF WHETHER ONE BELIEVES OR ASSERTS THAT THERE WAS NO CONSPIRACY OR THERE WAS A CONSPIRACY, THIS UNRESOLVED QUESTION OF OSWALD'S TIES TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT LOOMS LARGE & , INDEED, HANGS LIKE THE PROVERBIAL DAMOCLES SWORD OVER ALL OF US, GOVERNMENT CONNECTED OR NOT.

I REALIZE FULLY WELL THAT VIRTUALLY NO GOVERNMENT REVEALS ITS AGENTS OR ITS OPERATIONS BUT IN THE MATTER OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S DEATH THIS QUESTION CAN NO LONGER BE IGNORED & THE LONGER IT IS AVOIDED THE GREATER THE HARM WILL BEFALL US ALL.

TO FOCUS THE ATTENTION OF THE REVIEW BOARD MORE CLOSELY IN THIS REGARD I SPECIFICALLY

CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO A RADIO PROGRAM I APPEARED ON IN DECEMBER, 1966 WHICH WAS SEVERAL HOURS LONG & CONCERNED THE KENNEDY MURDER. I WAS IN THE RADIO STATION STUDIO (OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA) & THE OTHER HALF OF THE PROGRAM WAS A TELEPHONE HOOK-UP TO MARYLAND WITH AUTHOR HAROLD WEISBERG.

AT THE END OF THE PROGRAM THE PROGRAM MODERATOR'S RECEIVED A CALL FROM AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DID NOT WANT TO BE HEARD ON THE RADIO & WHO STATED HE WISHED TO SPEAK ONLY TO MR. WEISBERG, CONFIDENTIALLY.

I WAS ABLE TO HEAR THE ENTIRE DISCUSSION OF THE PHONE CALL FROM THE INDIVIDUAL WHO INSISTED ON REMAINING ANONYMOUS.

THE GIST OF THE PHONE CALL WAS THIS: THE CALLER HAD BEEN A BARRACKS ROOMMATE OF OSWALD WHEN OSWALD WAS STATIONED AT EL TORO MARINE BASE, CALIFORNIA. THE CALLER STATED THAT ABOUT 2 WEEKS BEFORE OSWALD RECEIVED HIS ALLEGED "HARDSHIP" DISCHARGE, HE WAS CONSTANTLY IN THE C.I.D. HEADQUARTERS BEING BRIEFED FOR A MISSION OVERSEAS. THE CALLER ~~INFORMANT~~ ALSO PROVIDED THE INFORMATION THAT OSWALD HAD HAD A CRYPTO-SECRET CLEARANCE.

I RAISE THIS MATTER BECAUSE IF, INDEED, THE C.I.D. WAS INVOLVED IN SUCH AN EVENT, IT WOULD NECESSARILY FOLLOW THAT THE O.N.I. MOST

CERTAINLY WAS AWARE OF THIS.

I MENTION O.N.I. BECAUSE SPECULATIONS IN THE LITERATURE (NEVER PROVEN) HAVE POINTED TO OSWALD BEING CONNECTED WITH IN SOME CAPACITY WITH O.N.I.

RECENTLY PROFESSOR JOHN NEWMAN WHO HAS BEEN LOOKING INTO THIS MATTER HAS STATED THAT A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF O.N.I. FILES (RELATING TO JFK) HAVE BEEN DESTROYED. THERE ARE STILL REMAINING, HOWEVER, AT LEAST, 2 BOXES OF ONI FILES STILL TO BE GONE THROUGH.

I BELIEVE IT IS INCUMBENT UPON THE BOARD TO REACH A FAIRLY DEFINITIVE DETERMINATION AS TO WHY, WHEN & HOW THESE ONI FILES WERE DESTROYED & WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY. SINCE O.N.I. FILES NECESSARILY INVOLVED THE NAVY DEPARTMENT IT APPEARS EVIDENT THAT THOSE INDIVIDUALS FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY & IMMEDIATELY BELOW BE ASKED ABOUT THE ISSUES & POINTS RAISED IN MY STATEMENT TODAY.

IF THIS IS NOT DONE THIS DAY WILL NOT BE SERVED & THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL, ONCE AGAIN, AS IN PRIOR INVESTIGATIONS, BE THE ULTIMATE LOSERS.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS,

HAL VERB